

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

Public Services - Registration and Stamps - Surprise check conducted on the Office of Sub Registrar, Guntakal, Anantapuram District on 30.4.2008 - Departmental action initiated against Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar, Guntakal, Anantapur and others - Regular Enquiry Officer appointed - Enquiry report submitted - Disciplinary action finalized - Imposition of a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years - Orders - issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1064

Dated:25-11-2014,
Read the following:

- 1) From the DG, ACB, AP, Hyderabad, C.No.23/DES-ATP/2008-S14, dt.21.10.2008.
- 2) Govt. Memo No.54761/Vig.VI(1)/2008-1, dt.6.12.2008.
- 3) Charge Memo No.S/1878/2008-1, dt.9.1.2009.
- 4) Representation of Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, SR, dt.2.2.2009.
- 5) From the District Registrar, Hindupur, Enquiry Report No.111-E1/2012, dt.21.3.2012.
- 6) From the DIG, R&S, Anantapur, Lr.No.60-Enqy/2010, dt: 21.05.2012.
- 7) From the C&IG, R&S, AP, Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.2/19637/ 2008, dt: 04.06.2012.
- 8) Govt. Memo.No.54761/Vig.VI (1)/2008-6, dated: 17.09.2012.
- 9) Representation from Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, SR (Retired), dated: 12.12.2013.
- 10) Govt. Lr.No.54761/Vig.VI(1)/2008, dt.8.5.2014.
- 11) From the APPSC, Lr.No.803/RT/3/2014, dt.14.8.2014.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of Government that on credible information the officials of the ACB conducted surprise check over the O/o Sub Registrar, Guntakal, Anantapur District on 30.4.2008 and found certain irregularities and sent report to Government duly recommending to initiate departmental action for imposing penalty against Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar, and 3 others of the said office. The Commissioner & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps was directed to initiate Departmental action under Rule 20 of APCS(CCA) Rules,1991 vide reference 2nd read above. The Disciplinary Authority i.e the Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kurnool framed following charges against Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar, and called for his Written Statement of Defence vide reference 3rd read above:

CHARGES:

- i. He engaged private persons / document writers unauthorizedly for collecting extra unauthorized amounts illegally Rs.12,520/- from the public / parties coming to the said Office for want of ECs, Registrations etc.
- ii. He had failed to account for and to give proper explanation about Rs.100/- found under the scanner in main hall in his Office.
- iii. Failed to give account for the excess amount found in his possession of Rs.6,337-50ps. As against his declaration of Rs.500/- in the Personal Cash Declaration Register maintained in the S.R.O Office about the cash possessed by him
- iv. He failed to make entries about the transactions made on the day of surprise check in the concerned registers maintained in the said office.

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- v. He failed to keep the Government cash of Rs.660/- in safe custody, it being the cash collected from the respective parties for issue of ECs and three single search certificates on the day of surprise check and thus failed to maintain absolute integrity in violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. The Charged Officer submitted his Written Statement of Defence in the reference 4th read above. As it was not convincing a regular inquiry was ordered in the matter duly appointing Regular Enquiry Officer. The Enquiry Officer submitted enquiry report in the reference 5th read above stating that the charges 1, 2, 4 & 5 were not proved and charge 3 was proved. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, has requested the Government to take further action against him under Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980 vide reference 7th read above, as the Accused Officer was retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter have accepted the findings of the Regular Enquiry Officer and arrived at provisional decision to impose a punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently. While communicating the Inquiring Authority report, the Charged Officer was directed to show cause as to why 20% cut in pension permanently should not be imposed on him vide reference 8th read above.

4. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation vide reference 9th read above. He has not put forth any new grounds other than the grounds already submitted earlier in Written Statement of Defence. Therefore, Government after examination of the matter in detailed have decided to confirm the provisional decision to impose 20% cut in pension permanently against Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar, Guntakal, Anantapur and sought for concurrence of the A.P.Public Service Commission vide reference 10th read above. In the reference 11th read above, the A.P.Public Service Commission have informed that the punishment of 20% cut in pension permanently proposed by the Government against Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar (Retd) appears to be on higher side and not commensurate with the gravity of irregularities committed by him while working as Sub Registrar, Guntakal. Therefore Commission opined to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years against Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar (Retd) as it would be suffice and commensurate with the nature of irregularities committed by the Delinquent officer and advised accordingly.

5. Government after examination of the matter have decided to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years against the Accused Officer. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a punishment of 10% cut in pension for a period of 5 years against Sri Shaik Mohammed Zaheer, Sub Registrar (Retd.), Guntakal, Anantapur.

6. The Commissioner and Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad / Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Anantapur, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly, under intimation to the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P.SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner and Inspector General,
Registration and Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps, Anantapur.

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*(through: the Deputy Inspector General, Registration and Stamps,
Anantapur)*

Copy to:

The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P, Hyderabad.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P, Hyderabad.
The Secretary to A.P.Public Service Commission, A.P, Hyderabad.
Sf/Sc.

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